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Subject: Thank You

Sam and Shari; thanks for coming to the public forum at WMU on such short notice. I also want to personally thank you for staying so late and talking with me after the meeting was over.

The public exchange of information, opinion, and understanding of stakeholders positions shows how people expect the decision-making process to take place when dealing with a project so critical to our environment and our people.

Sam expressed the concern that the resistance of Kalamazoo residents and officials to the disposal site plan will set an inhibiting precedent for the rest of the Superfund site clean-up.

Please look at your map of SW Michigan! Do you see any other potential site with:

Population of over 150,000 within a 10 mile radius? An active community and regional development organization, and benefactors on the scale of the Kalamazoo Promise? (see links)

<http://www.thekalamazoopromise.com/IntheNews/tabid/56/Default.aspx>

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Please consider that the major forces that oppose this disposal site could well become allies in identifying and promoting alternatives that may be of immense value to the success of the overall clean up project.

I look forward to seeing you both on the 25th, at Edison. I will try to get some advance copies of questions to you, so you can be prepared to discuss the points of most concern.

Thank you,

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"We don't inherit the environment from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children"

Native American proverb